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**ADVISORY BOARD ON PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS
MINUTES**

February 4, 2010

The Advisory Board on Physician Assistants met Thursday, February 4, 2009, at 1:00 p.m. at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia. Diane Houle, PA-C, Chair, called the meeting to order. A quorum was declared.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Diane Houle, PA-C, Chair
Pamela Bailey, PA-C, Vice-Chair
Kenneth Frumkin, MD
Erwin Fender, PA-C

MEMBERS ABSENT: Rev. Leonard Lovett, Ph.D

STAFF PRESENT: William L. Harp, MD, Executive Director
Ola Powers, Deputy Executive Director
ShaRon Clanton, Recording Secretary
Colanthia Morton-Opher-Operations Manager

GUESTS PRESENT: None

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Houle called the meeting to order.

Let it be noted for the record that Ms. Houle announced the Emergency Evacuation Instructions prior to the meeting.

ROLL CALL

Roll was called and a quorum declared.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES DATED JUNE 4, 2009

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Mr. Fender moved to approve the minutes dated June 4, 2009. The motion was seconded and carried.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mr. Fender asked to add an agenda item to discuss licensure for PA's. Dr. Frumkin moved to adopt agenda as amended. The motion was seconded and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Legislative Report

Dr. Harp reviewed the bills being monitored by the Department of Health Professions that might impact physician assistants.

2. Status of Proposed Changes to 18VAC85-50-110

Regarding a possible request for rule-making to remove the requirement for supervising physicians to see patients at least every fourth visit, Ms. Houle stated that this matter has been deferred until next year.

3. Licensure of Physician Assistants

Mr. Fender expressed concern regarding the requirement for physician assistants to maintain current NCCPA certification to remain licensed in the Commonwealth of Virginia. He stated that unlike many other professions regulated by the Board, PA's are required to pass exams for recertification. He opined that this constitutes an undue burden on PA's who have been in specialty practice for years, as the recertification exam is of a general nature. After some discussion Mr. Fender moved to request a PRE NOIRA to look at the possibility of removing section 18VAC85-50-56B from the regulations. The motion was seconded and carried.

4. Minutes-change in process

Mrs. Morton-Opher explained new process for review and signing of minutes.

5. Conflict of Interest Training by Internet

Training was completed by all Advisory Board Members present.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

June 3, 2010

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Frumkin moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded and carried.

Diane Houle, PA-C, Chair

William L. Harp, M.D., Executive Director

ShaRon Clanton, Recording Secretary